

CLAIMS

1. A retractable vehicle roof, comprising a front roof element (5) and a rear roof element (4) that are rigid and movable between a position in which they cover the passenger compartment of the vehicle and a position in which they are stowed in the rear trunk (2) of the vehicle, said retractable roof being characterized in that:
 - the rear roof element has its rear portion guided by a first runner (8) that is secured to the structure (1) of the vehicle or to the rear roof element, and has its front portion secured to a second runner (13) co-operating with a drive arm (10) hinged to the structure of the vehicle and actuated by drive means (9);
 - a rigid member (18) connects said arm to the rear portion of the rear roof element;
 - the front roof element has its rear portion guided by a third runner (15) whose rear portion is guided in said first runner and whose front portion is hinged to said arm; and
 - means (21-23) are provided for causing the front roof element to slide on said third runner.
2. A retractable roof according to claim 1, further comprising locking means (25, 27, 31) for locking said second runner on said drive arm.
3. A retractable roof according to claim 2, in which said locking means comprise a hook (25) mounted on said second runner and arranged to lock a finger (27) integral with or secured to said arm with a lug (31) integral with or secured to said runner, and means (29) for actuating said hook.
4. A retractable roof according to claim 2 or claim 3, further comprising means (29, 32, 33) for unlocking said second runner from said drive arm, and for locking said

second runner to the structure of the vehicle, when the roof elements are stowed in the rear trunk of the vehicle.

5. A retractable roof according to claim 3 and claim 4, in which the means for actuating said hook are arranged to lock said hook to the structure of the vehicle and to prevent the second runner from moving relative to the first runner.